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SUBJ: RENEWAL OF UNDOF MANDATE

REF: DAMASCUS 2728

- 1. WE NOTE FROM REFTEL AND PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS THAT RENEWAL OF UNDOF MANDATE APPEARS TO BE IN QUESTION. WE HAVE NO ASSURANCE THAT THE SAUDIS WOULD BE WILLING TO WEIGHT IN WITH THE SYRIANS IN FAVOR OF RENEWAL BUT IF THEY COULD BE PERSUADED TO DO SO THEIR REPRESENTATIONS MIGHT BE EFFECTIVE WITH THE SARG.
- 2. WERE OMAR SAQQAF STILL ALIVE THE AMBASSADOR WOULD ALREADY HAVE SOUNDED HIM OUT ON THIS SUBJECT. WITHOUT SAQQAF THERE IS NO LIKELIHOOD OF ANY REPRESENTATION THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY BEING EFFECTIVE. THE AMBASSADOR WOULD HAVE TO TAKE THIS SUBJECT UP DIRECTLY WITH THE KING OR A MEMBER OF HIS CLOSEST ENTOURAGE-RASHAD PHARAON OR PERHAPS KAMAL ADHAM.
- 3. IF THE DEPARTMENT WISHES THE AMBASSADOR TO MAKE A DEMARCHE ON THIS SUBJECT WE REQUEST THAT WE BE GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO THIS EFFECT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE: ASIDE FROM THE DIFFICULTIES INVOLVED IN SEEING THE KING ON SECRET

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SHORT NOTICE, AND OF THE SAUDIS BEING ABLE TO COMMUNI-

CATE WITH ASAD, WE JUDGE THAT A SAUDI APPROACH TO THE
SYRIANS IS LIKELY TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE BEFORE THE SYRIANS
HAVE GOTTEN TOO DEEPLY DUG IN ON THE ISSUE AND ENGAGED
THEIR PRESTIGE WITH OTHER ARAB LEADERS.
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